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SUBJECT: POLISH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SACCHARIN,
NITRATES AND NITRITES.
REFERENCE: WARSAW 598I

1. SACCHARIN IS CURRENTLY LISTED IN FDA'S FOOD ADDITIVES REGULATIONS (TITLE 21 CFR, SEC.180.37) AS ONE OF THE FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOOD ON AN INTERIM BASIS OR IN CONTACT WITH FOOD PENDING ADDITIONAL STUDY". THE REGULATIONS MAKES CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS BASED ON VARIOUS USES. A COPY OF THE REGULATION IS BEING AIRMAILED TO EMBASSY.
2. IN THE APRIL 15,1977 FEDERAL REGISTER, FDA PUBLISHED A PROPOSAL TO REVOKE THE REGULATIONS PERMITTING THE USE OF SACCHARIN. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON NOVEMBER 23,1977 THE SACCHARIN STUDY AND LABELING ACT BECAME LAW. THIS PROHIBITED FDA FROM TAKING ACTION RESTRICTING THE USE OF SACCHARIN PENDING FURTHER STUDY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND A COPY OF THE LAW ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO BEING FORWARDED.

3. FDA HAS REGULATIONS CONTROLLING CERTAIN USES OF NITRATES AND NITRITES IN FOODS. THESE ARE BEING FORWARDED. FDA REGULATIONS DO NOT CONTROL THE USE OF NITRATES AND NITRITES IN MEAT PRODUCTS. THAT USE IS PERMITTED UNDER PRIOR SANCTION BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHICH

CONTROLS MEAT PRODUCTS. THE POLISH AGENCY WHICH INSPECTS MEAT PRODUCTS FOR SHIPMENT TO U.S. HAS ALL REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO NITRATES AND NITRITE USE IN MEAT. MINISTRY OF HEALTH SHOULD CONTACT DR. JARZEBSKI, DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SCIENCE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RE. NITRATES AND NITRITES WERE DISCUSSED IN STATE 208743 OF AUGUST 17 WHICH WENT TO ALL POSTS. A COPY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND STUDY ARE BEING AIRMAILED. CHRISTOPHER

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